(b) if so, the details of the projects evaluated so far; and

(c) the number of such projects which have become operational along with the location thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) to (c) Central Electricity Authority has identified nine possible sites for development of coal based ultra mega power projects of about 4000 MW capacity each under tariff based competitive bidding. Under the initiative, following sites have been identified and are under various stages of development:

(i) Sasan, Madhya Pradesh.

(ii) Mundra, Gujarat.

(iii) Krishnapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.

(iv) Akaltara, Chhattisgarh.

(v) Tadri, Karnataka.

(vi) Girye, Maharashtra.

(vii) Sundergarh, Orissa.

(viii) Cheyyur, Tamil Nadu.

(ix) Tilaiya, Jharkhand.

Bidding process in respect of four projects *i.e.* Sasan, Mundra, Krishnapatnam and Tilaiya has already been initiated.

Power shortage in Karnataka

2206. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is acute shortage of power in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of power projects being run with the World Bank assistance in Karnataka for the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) Karnataka faced energy shortage of 1.9% and peak shortage of 7.6%

during the current year (April, 2006 to February, 2007). The details of power supply position in the State are given as under:

(April, 2006—February, 2007)

Energy		Peak	
Requirement (MU)	36700	Demand (MW)	6289
Availability (MU)	36007	Met (MW)	5811
Shortage (MU)	693	Shortage (MW)	478
Shortage (%)	1.9	Shortage (%)	7.6

(c) As per Karnataka Power Corporation Limited, none of its power projects is being run with the World Bank assistance for the last three years.

Dabhol Power Plant

2207. MS. MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the feedstock that is being used in the Dabhol power plant which has been commissioned;

(b) when will Dabhol power plant get gas as the feedstock to run to its full capacity;

(c) what are the hurdles that are encountered by the plant to run to its full capacity; and

(d) whether the plant has the freedom to sell the electricity produced to whom-so-ever they want and by when the plant will become financially viable?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) At present, imported Naphtha is being used to operate the Power Block-II of the Dabhol power plant to supply infirm power as per the requirements of Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company Limited (MSEDCL).

(b) As per the information available, Petronet LNG Ltd. (PLL) who are the designated agency for sourcing R-LNG for the plant have confirmed